

## CONGRESSIONAL RECORD SUMMARY

Monday, January 27, 2003

### SENATE

*The Senate was not in session today.*

*It will next meet on Tuesday, January 28, 2003, at 10:30 a.m.*

#### Committee Meetings for Tuesday, January 28, 2003:

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**Committee on Finance:** @10:00 a.m. To hold hearings to examine the nomination of John W. Snow, of Virginia, to be Secretary of the Treasury. SD-215.

<sup>1</sup>**Committee on the Judiciary:** @ 9:30 a.m. *To hold hearings to examine judicial nominations. SD-226.*  
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### HOUSE

#### Measures Introduced:

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**H.R. 338.** A bill *to amend title 5, United States Code, to require that agencies, in promulgating rules, take into consideration the impact of such rules on the privacy of individuals*, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Chabot

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**H.R. 339.** A bill *to prevent frivolous lawsuits against the manufacturers, distributors, or sellers of food or non- alcoholic beverage products that comply with applicable statutory and regulatory requirements*; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Keller

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**H.R. 343.** A bill *to amend title 11 of the United States Code to protect family farmers and family fishermen*; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Baldwin

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**H.R. 345.** A bill *to amend the Controlled Substances Act and the Controlled Substances Import and Export Act with respect to penalties for powder cocaine and crack cocaine offenses*; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

Bartlett

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**H.R. 346.** A bill *to amend the Federal Trade Commission Act to increase civil penalties for violations involving certain proscribed acts or practices that exploit popular reaction to an emergency or major disaster declared by the President, and to authorize the Federal Trade Commission to seek civil penalties for such violations in actions brought under section 13 of that Act*; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

Bass

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#### Measures Introduced (Cont.):

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<sup>1</sup>Misprint in the Congressional Record. The hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, January 29, 2003 at 9:30 a.m., SD-226. Please contact the Senate Judiciary Committee directly if you have questions or concerns (202/224-7703.)

**H.R. 351.** A bill *to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide a maximum term of supervised release of life for sex offenders*; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Cunningham

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**H.R. 352.** A bill *to amend the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 to provide enhanced penalties for crimes of violence against children under age 13*; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Cunningham

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**H.R. 357.** A bill *to prohibit civil liability actions from being brought or continued against manufacturers, distributors, dealers, or importers of firearms or ammunition for damages resulting from the misuse of their products by others*; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Everett

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**H.R. 362.** A bill *to enhance the operation of the AMBER Alert communications network in order to facilitate the recovery of abducted children, to provide for enhanced notification on highways of alerts and information on such children, and for other purposes*; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

Hefley

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**H.R. 364.** A bill *to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to require criminal background checks on drivers providing Medicaid medical assistance transportation services*; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

Hooley

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**H.R. 374.** A bill *to amend the Hate Crime Statistics Act to require the Attorney General to acquire data about crimes that manifest evidence of prejudice based on gender*; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Maloney

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**H.R. 381.** A bill *to provide for the retrocession of the District of Columbia to the State of Maryland, and for other purposes*; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Government Reform, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

Regula

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**H.R. 384.** A bill *to require Congress to specify the source of authority under the United States Constitution for the enactment of laws*, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Shadegg

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**H.J. Res. 13.** A joint resolution *making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2003*, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations.

Young

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**H.J. Res. 14.** A joint resolution *proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to provide that Federal judges be reconfirmed by the Senate every 10 years*; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Hefley

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#### Measures Introduced (Cont.):

**H. Con. Res. 12.** *Concurrent resolution providing for a joint session of Congress to receive a message*

*from the President on the state the Union; considered and agreed to.*

Gibbons

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**H. Res. 32.** A resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives *regarding the ongoing need to provide every qualified American with equal access to opportunity in education, business, and employment and the indispensability of Affirmative action programs in securing such equal access*; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

Davis

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**Reports Filed:**

**Reports were filed today as follows:**

**H. Res. 29, providing for consideration of H.J. Res. 13, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2003 (H. Rept. 108-3).**

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**Executive Communications:**

**EC - 206.** A letter *from the Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, transmitting the report on the administration of the Foreign Agents Registration Act covering the six months ended June 30, 2002, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 621*; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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**EC - 209.** A letter *from the Associate General Counsel, Federal Bureau of Prisons, Department of Justice, transmitting the Department's final rule -- Inmate Discipline: Prohibited Acts: Change in Code Numbers for Agency Tracking Purposes Only [BOP-1083-I] (RIN: 1120-AA78) received January 6, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A)*; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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**EC - 210.** A letter *from the Associate General Counsel, Federal Bureau of Prisons, Department of Justice, transmitting the Department's final rule -- Incoming Publications: Softcover Materials [BOP-1009-F] (RIN: 1120-AA 15) received January 6, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A)*; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

**EC - 211.** A letter *from the Associate General Counsel, Federal Bureau of Prisons, Department of Justice, transmitting the Department's final rule -- Incoming Publications: Nudity and Sexually Explicit Material or Information [BOP-1064-F] (RIN: 1120-AA59) received January 6, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A)*; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

**EC - 212.** A letter *from the Director, Regulations and Forms Services, INS, Department of Justice, transmitting the Department's final rule -- Requirements for Biometric Border Crossing Identification Cards (BCCs) and Elimination of Non-Biometric BCCs on Mexican and Canadian Borders [INS No. 1931-98] (RIN: 1115-AF24) received November 25, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A)*; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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#### Executive Communications (Cont.):

**EC- 213.** A letter *from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the redesignation as “foreign terrorist organizations” pursuant to Section 219 of the Immigration and Nationality Act, as added by the Antiterrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act of 1996, and amended by the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996;* to the Committee on the Judiciary.

**EC - 214.** A letter *from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the designation as “foreign terrorist organizations” pursuant to Section 219 of the Immigration and Nationality Act, as added by the Antiterrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act of 1996, and amended by the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 and by the Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism Act of 2001;* to the Committee on the Judiciary.

**EC - 216.** A letter *from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the Department's final rule -- Documentation of Immigrants -- Visa Registration -- received December 13, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A);* to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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#### Resignation from Congress:

*Read a letter from **Representative Combest** wherein he announced his resignation as a Representative of the 19th District of Texas effective at the close of business on May 31, 2003.*

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#### H. Con. Res. 12 - State of the Union Address:

*The House agreed to **H. Con. Res. 12, providing for a joint session of Congress to receive a message from the President on Tuesday, January 28 at 9 p.m. on the State of the Union.***

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#### Committee Meetings:

**Committee on Rules:** *Granted, by voice vote, a closed rule providing 1 hour of debate in the House on **H.J. Res. 13, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2003.*** The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the joint resolution. The rule provides one motion to recommit. Finally, the rule provides that Section 2 of the resolution provides that upon receipt of a message from the Senate transmitting **H.J. Res. 2** with a Senate amendment thereto, it shall be in order to consider in the House a motion offered by the chairman of the Committee on Appropriations or his designee that the House disagree to the Senate amendment and request or agree to a conference with the Senate thereon.

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**Remarks:**

**Recognizing the Life and Accomplishments of Congressman Wayne Owens.**

*"... I rise to recognize the extraordinary life and accomplishments of my former colleague Wayne Owens, who passed away unexpectedly in Israel on December 18. [ ] In his first term in Congress, for example, Wayne voted his conscience and supported articles of impeachment against President Nixon as a member of the House Judiciary Committee. In his conservative home state of Utah, this was an unpopular decision that probably cost him a victory in his 1974 bid for the U.S. Senate. Nevertheless, Wayne viewed his vote as one of the most important acts of his public life..."*

Waxman

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In Honor of the 30th Anniversary of Roe v. Wade.

Harman

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**OLA: S. Schwarz, A. Santos**